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WHOLE No. 472

Convention Re-Elects Green, Meany; Creates New Political League With \$3 Million Chest

Ask Compliance With Non-Red Oath; Tracy Replaces Lewis on Council; Spurn Military Training Proposal

SAN FRANCISCO—Re-electing Pres. William Green, Sec. George Meany and all members of the executive council (with the exception of Dan Tracy, IBEW president, who replaces John L. Lewis, resigned), the 66th annual AFL convention came to a close here last week. Outstanding development was creation of a potential \$3 million fund to fight the Taft-Hartley Act at home and totalitarianism abroad. A new organization set up to direct this work will be known as Labor's Education and Political League.

CREATE AFL WAR CHEST

With but one dissenting vote, two constitutional amendments were adopted to provide the \$3 million fund. The first provides for an increase of national and international union per capita tax to a flat 3c a month and tax on local and federal unions from 36c to 37c per member per month. The second amendment authorizes the executive council to levy assessments of 1c per member per week for 26 weeks in the year. Some portion of this money, it is reported, will be used to further the AFL's international activities in opposition to those of the World Federation of Trade Unions.

MILITARY TRAINING

Despite appeals by Gen. Mark Clark, Legion Commander James F. O'Neill and S.F. Mayor Roger Lapham to endorse the proposal for universal military training, the convention voted to continue its opposition and, in addition, criticized the War Department for improper spending of funds "for propaganda activities supporting compulsory military training."

ONE-MONTH VACATIONS

A significant resolution adopted was one endorsing a long-range drive for 1-month paid vacations in all branches of industry. As part of this program the AFL favored immediate efforts to win 26 days leave with full pay for all government employees.

T-H AFFIDAVITS

Drama highlight of the entire convention was the speech of grizzled mine chief John L. Lewis in opposition to the majority opinion in favor of doing business with the Taft-Hartley Act. Lewis' appeal fell on deaf ears, however, and the AFL later called upon its officers and those of affiliated unions to sign the non-Communist affidavit "no matter how obnoxious" they personally may consider it. It was on this issue that Lewis vigorously dissented and refused to run for re-election as member of the Executive Council. In order to get around the T-H law, an amendment was passed to make only the president and secretary legal "officers" of the Federation. The title of "vice-president" is thus removed from the roster of AFL executive officials. Lewis denounced this procedure as "groveling" and "belly crawling." George Meany replied, however, that not to comply with the Act would mean depriving 290,000 members of federal unions of the opportunity to use the services of the Labor Board.

ORGANIZING DRIVE

"The best answer to the Taft-Hartley Act is continued and widespread organization," a convention resolution declared as the AFL prepared to step up its organizing drive in the U.S. and its territories. Special emphasis was laid on organization work in Hawaii, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, and AFL unions were instructed to send representatives to Hawaii to help carry out the drive there. Possibilities for a similar campaign in Puerto Rico are to be investigated by the Executive Council. The convention promised all aid to the further organization of the teaching profession. Other resolutions urged passage of a \$1 billion federal aid to education program, extension of the hot lunch system to U.S. territories and restoration of the U.S. Labor Department's Labor Education Service.

FOREIGN POLICY STAND

Support of the Administration foreign policy, the Marshall plan, the food saving program was voted in resolutions overwhelmingly. Speakers and resolutions called for increased AFL activity in the international trade union field and effort to halt Communist influence. The AFL called for greater representation of trade union

ions in U.S. foreign policy, elimination of the U.N. veto, withdrawal of all armies of occupation next year, ending of peacetime conscription everywhere, self-government for colonial peoples, and U.S. aid in the reconstruction of Europe.

HOUSING PROGRAM

Full support of the convention was thrown behind the program of the National Housing Commission to provide 500,000 public low-cost rental units in the next four years. Delegates pointed out that between six and seven million families are living in unsanitary conditions because of the housing shortage and declared that "democracy fails if it cannot or will not provide adequate and decent housing to every family in the country."

Among the many resolutions acted upon at the convention were those calling for a federal anti-lynching law, a federal fair employment practice law, election day holidays, adequate minimum wages for farm workers, extension of the benefits of workmen's compensation to farm workers, abolition of the poll tax.

Veterans Ask Admittance of 400,000 DPs

WASHINGTON—The problem of Europe's displaced persons cannot be dodged by the United States, the American Veterans Committee pointed out last week when it urged enactment of the Stratton Bill at the next session of Congress to permit 400,000 displaced Europeans to enter the United States. "This problem is a danger to the stability of the world," AVC spokesmen said, "and by admitting these people we can make up in part for deficiencies in our immigration quotas. During the war years alone over 900,000 quotas were not used."

Canada's Railway Men Threaten Big Strike

TORONTO—AFL railway maintenance men in Canada have threatened a nation-wide strike unless employers agree to wage increases of 34c an hour and two weeks' paid vacation a year.

California Delegates From Labor Councils, Locals to AFL Meet

Delegates from Central Labor Councils and Local Unions in California listed on the roster of the recent AFL convention in San Francisco included the following:

CENTRAL LABOR COUNCILS:

Kern County, Fred West; Contra Costa County, Freda Roberts; Imperial Valley, Max J. Osslo; Fresno, C. H. Cary; Humboldt County, Albin J. Gruhn; Long Beach, Jack T. Arnold; Los Angeles, W. J. Bassett; Merced, Wendell J. Kiser; Modesto, C. Al Green; Monterey, Rolland R. Robinson; Alameda County, Robert S. Ash; Orange County, C. E. Devine; Butte County, E. A. Doyle; Pasadena, Lee Johnson; Pomona, L. G. Willits; Redding, Chas. R. McDermott; Riverside, S. L. Hefley; Sacramento, Harry Finks; Salinas, Peter A. Andrade; San Bernardino, Harry E. Griffin; San Diego, John W. Quimby; San Francisco, George Johns; San Luis Obispo, Archie Shanks; San Mateo, Jack Goldberger; San Rafael, Toby Pechner; San Pedro, Richard J. Seltzer; Santa Clara County, LeRoy Pette; Santa Cruz, H. C. Bollman; Santa Maria, Arthur E. Atkinson; Santa Monica, Clarence G. O'Brien; Stockton, Fred N. Harding; Vallejo, Frank Joseph; Ventura, Leta Grande Cheney; Visalia, John H. McLaughlin.

LOCAL UNIONS: Beet Sugar Workers, Santa Ana, William B. Casey; Cemetery Employees, Oakland, James E. Murphy; Cemetery Employees, San Francisco, Eugene Guiney; Dental Technicians, San Francisco, Wm. J. Callahan; Embalmers, San Francisco, Wm. J. Williams; Newspaper Writers, Oakland, Andrew H. Bredsteen; Packers and Preserve Workers, San Francisco, Lawrence T. Brengante; Patrolmen, San Bernardino, Joseph C. Reber; Sugar Refinery Employees, Crockett, Michael Hargadon.

STATE FEDERATION OF LABOR: C. J. Haggerty.

AFL Treasury Shows Sharp Decline; Big Expense During Year

SAN FRANCISCO—The AFL's treasury balance dropped from \$1,742,077 as of August 31, 1946, down to \$464,582, the AFL Executive Council reported to the convention here.

With a record membership of 7,577,716, the AFL reported an income from per capita tax of \$1,888,358. Total receipts were \$5,589,819. Organizing expenses were listed as \$1,264,300 and organizers' salaries, \$715,136.

Printing of the AFL weekly news service was listed as \$15,224. Cost of printing the American Federationist, monthly magazine, was reported \$129,450.

ATTENTION BAKERY DRIVERS

TO ALL BAKERY WAGON DRIVERS IN THE MONTEREY COUNTY AREA:

It is important that you attend a meeting for bakery drivers at the offices of Teamsters Union 890, Main and John Sts., Salinas, at 7 o'clock tomorrow night (Wednesday) for the purpose of discussing your 1948 contract proposals for submission and negotiation with employers. Please be present.

—P. A. ANDRADE, Secretary, Teamsters Union 890.

Local 890 Lists Shop Steward's Duties on Cards

Wallet-size cards bearing a calendar on one side and a list of "important duties for all shop stewards" on the other side have been issued by General Teamsters Union 890 of Salinas. The duties for shop stewards are as follows:

1. Present grievances to the employer and if the grievance is not satisfactorily taken care of, get in touch with the Union representative, phone Salinas 4893; if in Watsonville 2596.
2. Check all new employees on the job; notify each new employee that it's a union job, explain obligations to Union as follows: (a) Make application and join union in time designated on agreement. (b) Meeting nights—1st Tuesday each month, Watsonville 1st ednes of each month, Watsonville 1st Wednesday. (c) If member of other Teamsters' union, arrange for transfer to this union.
3. See that all members wear their Union buttons and have a paid-up dues book.
4. See that seniority lists and company's rules, regulations are posted and kept up to date at all times.
5. Familiarize yourself with Union agreement and see that all members have a copy so they can keep posted on same.
6. Notify all members of meetings and urge them to attend.

Note: Only paid-up members eligible for benefits of Union.

DEER!

Two weeks ago Johnnie Deer, business representative for laundry workers and dry cleaners in Salinas, told this writer to "dust off the big type" because he was bringing home a buck. Is the type above okay, Johnnie?

Bro. Deer brought home the buck—a 160-pounder with seven points. He garnered the big boy after only two days of his hunting trip had elapsed. He went to Tehama County.

SALINAS CULINARY CALLS SPECIAL ELECTION MEET TOMORROW TO START BALLOT

Culinary Alliance 467 of Salinas will hold a special meeting tomorrow (October 22) at 2:30 p.m. at the Labor Temple for first nominations for officers of the union, this to be the first election since 1941. Secretary Bertha Boles reports.

Local 467 has been under an international trusteeship since June, 1944, due to the apathy of the membership in not attending meetings and taking part in union activities. Mrs. Boles said. However, at no time has the union been under a "receivership" nor has the union charter been out of the union hall at any time in recent years. International Representative C. T. McDonough will conduct the coming meetings and election for the union.

Meetings will be at 2:30 p.m. October 22, and 8:30 p.m. October 29, both for nominations. The election itself will be from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, November 5.

Members must have been in good standing in Local 467 for one year prior to election to be eligible to hold office. Members must be in good standing at the present time in order to vote.

Assessments of \$1.00 for not attending at least one of the nomination meetings and of \$5.00 for not voting on November 5, have been agreed upon, with the only acceptable excuse to be work or illness on election day.

Californian Building Job Starts Soon

Harold Geyer of Monterey was low bidder at some \$332,000 for construction of the new office building and plant for the Salinas Californian, on property owned by the newspaper publishing firm across from the county buildings and postoffice in Salinas.

J. B. McGinley, business agent for Laborers Union 272 in Salinas, said that construction on the new plant was expected to start soon. McGinley added that despite the rainy weather which has slowed up construction work, practically all laborers are employed. A layoff may come with completion of the Highway 101 widening projects next week, he added.

Negotiations Under Way for Laundry Pact

A meeting was held between negotiators for Laundry Workers 258 of Salinas and employer representatives of the industry in the Salinas area last week for the purpose of discussing union contract demands.

John W. Deer, business agent for Local 258, and International Laundry Workers' Union Representative Lawrence Palacios conducted the union's share of negotiations.

Following the negotiation meeting, Palacios attended membership meetings of the Laundry Workers Union and of Dry Cleaners Union 258-B, Deer said.

NAM's Goal for Huge Slush Fund Against Labor Growing Fast

NEW YORK—The Nat'l Association of Manufacturers campaign to raise a \$3,000,000 propaganda slush fund is approaching the \$2,000,000 mark, the anti-labor organization admitted here.

A total of \$1,955,906 has already been raised and the NAM News boasted that it has succeeded in changing public opinion toward the NAM. Riding on the wave of its success in promoting the Taft-Hartley law in league with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the NAM is almost ready to start spending its millions to enact anti-labor state legislation and to influence the 1948 presidential election.

The best business cycle is a buy-cycle.

FEDERATION TELLS VETERAN BENEFITS UNDER NEW LAWS

(Release from State Federation of Labor)

SAN FRANCISCO—Several important changes in state veterans' benefits are now in effect as a result of new laws enacted by the legislature, the State Department of Veterans Affairs has announced.

The effective date of most statutes adopted at the 1947 regular session of the legislature, except those containing urgency clauses and taking effect immediately, was September 19.

Because of prevailing high real estate prices, the legislature removed the former \$10,000 limitation on the price of home property which may be purchased by the state on behalf of veterans under the California Farm and Home Purchase Act. No change was made, however, in the \$7,500 maximum which the state may advance for the purchase of a veteran's home. Also, the department's appraisal, based on present fair replacement cost, less depreciation, may not exceed \$10,000.

AIDS HOME-OWNERS

The new law will benefit principally the veteran who has a substantial equity in a home previously purchased for slightly more than \$10,000 and who desires to submit the property for purchase under the state plan.

Other new laws, among 70 veterans' measures enacted by the legislature, include the following:

EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE

Extending the present state assistance for education of widows and children of veterans who died during war service or of service connected disabilities incurred in time of war, to include adopted children or stepchildren of such veterans.

Requiring 90 days active service during World War II to qualify a veteran for state educational assistance.

Extending educational assistance rights to natives of California even though they did not reside in the state immediately prior to entering military service.

CIVIL SERVICE

Requiring a current disability rating of 10 percent or more to qualify for disabled veterans' preference of 15 points in state civil service examinations. (Veterans not qualifying as disabled, and widows of veterans, receive a preference of 10 points.)

ACCOUNTANTS LICENSES

Extending to March, 1951, the period during which veterans of World War II are given special consideration in qualifying as public accountants.

Making it a misdemeanor for any person to solicit funds for the benefit of any veteran or veterans association and to use such funds for purposes other than those represented in the solicitation.

INCOME TAX

Exempting terminal leave pay and federal or state educational benefits from state income tax.

DISABILITY BENEFITS

Establishing the right of a veteran to receive state disability benefits on the basis of wage credits accumulated prior to military service if he is not eligible for federal servicemen's readjustment allowance; and permitting medical officers of government hospitals to certify claims of patients at such hospitals for state disability benefits.

GI LOANS

Enabling minor veterans to qualify for GI loans through guardianship proceedings in court. (Under a previous statute, minors are eligible for state farm and home purchases without the necessity for guardianship proceedings.)

HUNTING LICENSES

Permitting the alien wife of a veteran to obtain a hunting license at the resident fee of \$2 rather than the alien fee of \$50. (Makes no reference to fishing licenses, for which the alien fee is \$25.)

Veteran Leaders



Pres. Charles J. MacGowan of the Intl. Bro. of Boilermakers and Pres. William L. Hutchison of the United Bro. of Carpenters have attended plenty of AFL conventions before. And they took an active part in this one.

Attack on Co-ops Slowed Down

By HELGA WEIGERT

Here in California the co-op smear campaign of the House Committee on Small Business seems to have been a fizzle.

At the hearing in San Francisco which I attended, only the California-Hawaiian Sugar Company was on the carpet. Nobody seemed anxious to defend its cooperative, tax-exempt status.

In Los Angeles, the California Fruit Exchange, the Walnut Growers Association and others of like standing told the committee that despite their annual million dollar business they were still banded together on the sound cooperative principle of joint marketing, fair market prices and annual distribution of deferred payments to growers after costs have been established.

National comment had given the committee some fair warning both as to the sentiment of supporters of co-ops, and to re-election chances of the committee members in some of the strong co-op states.

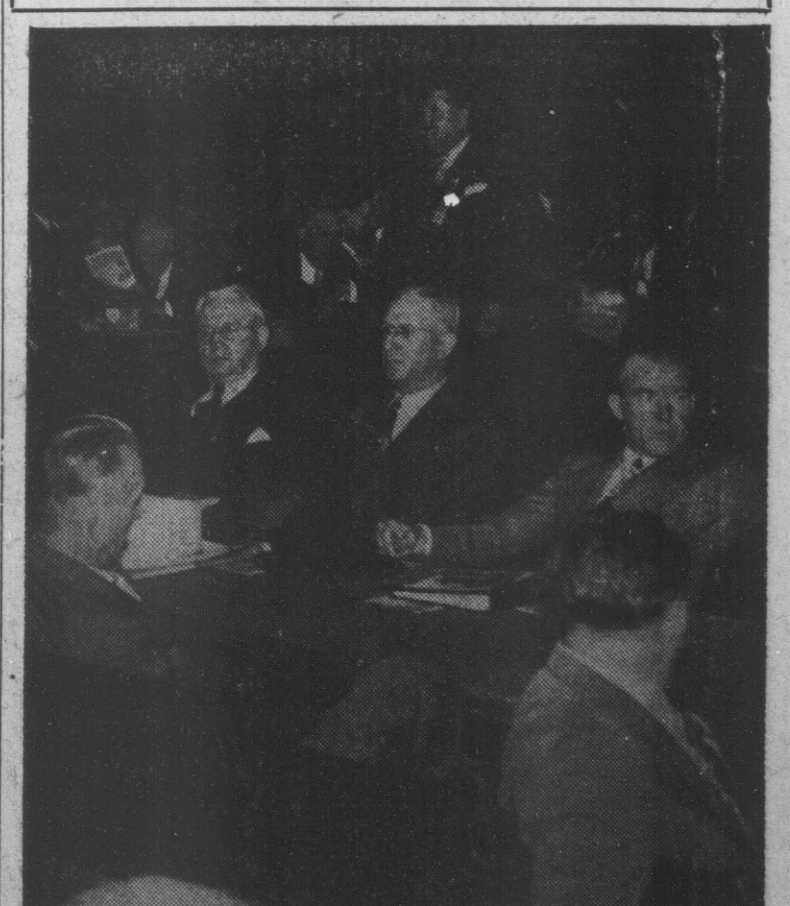
The branding of the non-tax-exempt Consumer Services, Greenbelt, Md., as a "monopoly" scarcely helped to give the committee an aura of fairness.

Representative Wright Patman, former chairman and now a member of the subcommittee, commented: "The committee is taking the role of prosecuting attorney against farmer co-operatives. In doing so, it is leaning fascist-wise, by encouraging one type of small business to fight another type of small business."

It is this kind of sentiment that will strengthen all efforts to build and expand farmer co-operatives.

—CALIF. FARM REPORTER.

TEAMSTERS' DELEGATES



President Daniel J. Tobin of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters (extreme left at table) and a group of IBT delegates listen as President William Green addresses the AFL convention.

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Were it not for the labor press, the labor movement would not be what it is today, and any man who tries to injure a labor paper is a traitor to the cause.—Samuel Gompers.



THIS SIDE OF UTOPIA

We heard one of those "you-can't-change-human-nature" chaps remark that all the "do-gooders" give him a pain in the neck—that Utopia is a poet's dream. Well, we don't believe in Utopia, either. You can't have progress without dissatisfaction, and if you have dissatisfaction you can't have Utopia.

We do contend, however, that *involuntary poverty* can be abolished; that jobs at decent wages *can* be found for everybody; that the old folks *can* be provided pensions so that they can spend their declining years in comfort and security; that the best medical and health care *can* be provided for everybody at minimum cost; that every youngster *can* be provided with at least a high school education.

That's not Utopia. Even after we get these things, we will still have murders, sex crimes, thefts, arson, liars, grafters and cheats. But we won't have so much of the crime that stems from poverty, ignorance and lack of opportunity (and plenty of it does). And once people realize that they are really *secure* in employment, ill health and old age, constructive competition will, to a considerable extent, replace the cut-throat variety.

And if that is rosy optimism and childlike faith, then let the croaking cynics make the most of it!

GREAT AMERICAN MYSTERY

We are told by the *United States News* that 65 per cent of all families make less than \$3,000 a year and that in 1946 they put away only 4 per cent of the total savings. It adds that this same large group saved about 24 per cent of the total the year before. Thus their saving rate shrunk by 500 per cent. The "middle income" group (those making from \$3,000 to \$5,000) saved 1 per cent less than it did the year before. The less than 10 per cent of the population (the "higher income" group), however, increased its savings in 1946 by from 40 to 61 per cent.

That 10 per cent in the higher brackets is not going to provide the market for the autos, refrigerators, vacuum cleaners, pianos and furniture. A large part of the lower bracket 65 per cent can't afford to buy any of these things; the remainder are getting more cautious. A lot of the "middle income" group are holding back, too.

As prices continue to rise, just what is going to make for permanent prosperity? Maybe the smart-alecs in Congress who destroyed OPA and passed the Taft-Hartley Act can answer that one!

THOSE SUBVERSIVE CO-OPS

There's a great hullabaloo over co-operatives not paying taxes on dividends to their members and reactionary congressmen are sponsoring legislation to "remedy" this. The fact is that such patronage dividends are taxable as part of the personal income of the members. These dividends don't belong to the "store," as such, but to the members to whom the annual or semi-annual rebates are paid. To tax the store also for this money would be *double taxation*.

Fulton Lewis, Jr. and others who are trying to weaken the co-operatives with this phony tax angle are the same bunch that led the fight over the radio to abolish OPA. That fight was successful and cost the American workers billions in higher prices. Now that hundreds of thousands of workers are seeking relief from excessive living costs through their own business ventures, the Lewises (fronting for the NAM) are trying to bust the co-ops. We should know by this time that whatever stand Lewis and his ilk take on a public issue, the common people should take the opposite.

FUTURE OF HOME-OWNING

The *International Teamster* is authority for the statement that more American homes are mortgaged today than in the crash year of 1930. It adds that never before have homes in this country been "in hock" to such an extent and, as proof, asserts that some two million homes are mortgaged at a total of *eight billion dollars*. Hundreds of thousands of these homes have been bought in recent years at prices more than twice as high as they would sell for in normal times. As living costs soar, many home-owners are already finding it difficult to meet payments. If the inflationary trend continues, banks and finance companies will take over. If the present inflation is followed by a serious recession and a great deal of unemployment, even more will be foreclosed. Nice setup for the "greatest and richest country in the world," isn't it?

URGE UNIONS TO BACK UP STATE DRIVE

(Release from State Fed. of Labor)
SAN FRANCISCO—A letter addressed to all AFL unions in the State of California has been sent out by C. J. Haggerty, secretary of the California State Federation of Labor, impressing upon them the urgent need to cooperate in financing the fight to reappropriate the state senate and to oppose the congressmen who voted for the Taft-Hartley law.

In a number of unions the question has arisen as to whether it is a violation of the Taft-Hartley law to subscribe to these assessments. So that all of the unions and the members thereof will be very clear on this matter, the Federation wishes to inform them that it is the opinion of its legal department, as well as the legal department of the AFL, that section 304 of the so-called Labor-Management Relations Act of 1947, which restricts the political contributions of labor unions, is unconstitutional.

'CARRY ON AS USUAL'
The members of the labor movement are determined to exercise their constitutional rights and carry on their political activities as they always have. Therefore, since it is the intent of labor to challenge the constitutionality of the act, both nationally and locally, and since it is absolutely mandatory for labor to work for the repeal of this act, the Federation urges all of the unions to cooperate fully by paying the assessments voted by the Federation convention. In its letter to all AFL organizations, the Federation stated: "We are confident that section 304 of the Taft-Hartley law is fully as unconstitutional as was the Hot Cargo Act, which has just been ruled such by the California State Supreme Court, and we therefore urge you to respond to the assessment in order to make our campaign a success."

The Federation is confident that the AFL unions recognize the need of prosecuting the campaign to reappropriate the state senate and to oppose the enemies of labor who were responsible for the enactment of the most vicious, objectionable and reprehensible piece of legislation that has ever smeared the statutes of our country.

TYPO OFFICER AGAIN URGES LABOR DAILY

INDIANAPOLIS—A renewed call for a national daily labor paper was sounded last week by Second Vice-President Elmer Brown, of the Int'l Typographical Union-AFL. "The need for a daily labor press grows with each minute," declared Brown writing in his column in the *Typographical Journal*. "The failure or unwillingness of a section of our big daily newspapers to fairly report labor news and their continued apologies for the Taft-Hartley law dilute the freedom of the press and lay all our American newspapers open to attack as the voice of reaction."

The ITU leader said he advocated a daily labor paper which would emphasize labor news but report events fairly and not make labor news into propaganda or editorials. "We ought to have a labor press which would put to shame some of our dailies, busily propagandizing through colored news stories and emphasis of news," he continued. "We had better get busy promoting such a labor press or the freedom of press, a necessary pillar of freedom and democracy, may be destroyed because the American people are no longer excited when someone wants to control the daily press."

"The American people have become apathetic about defending the freedom of the press," Brown declared, "because they seriously doubt that the big dailies fairly and truthfully report the news. They cannot help but note that the press is usually on the side of big business and monopoly and against the little people who work for a living."

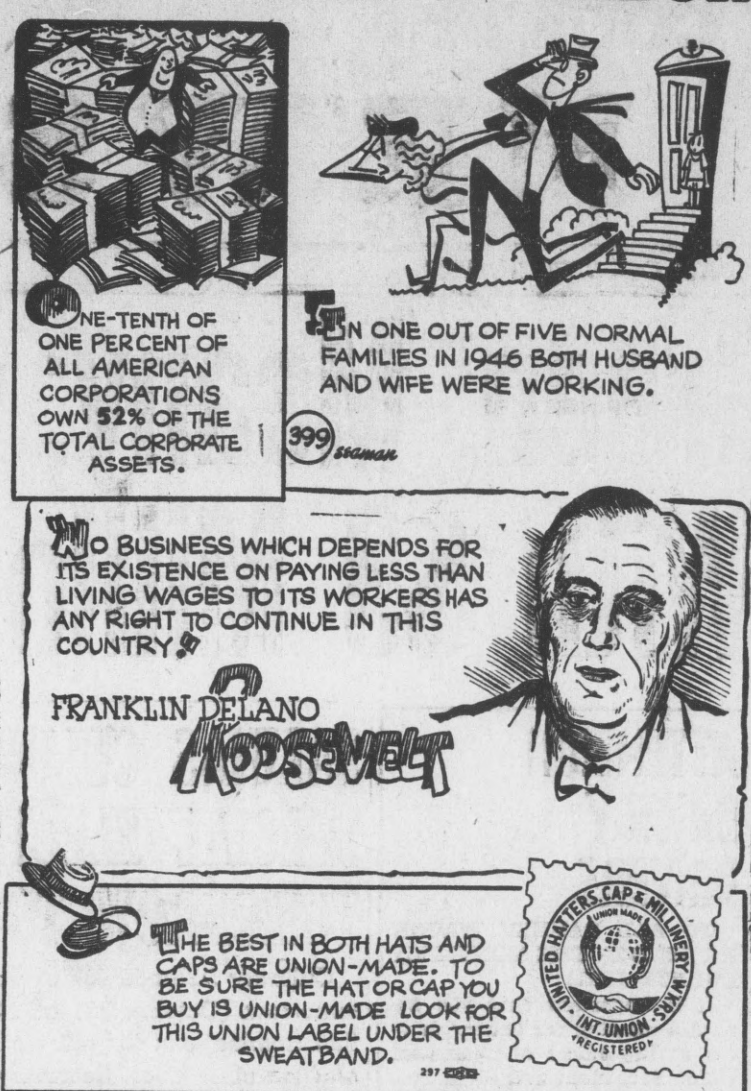
"The passing of Ochs, Scripps, Pulitzer and their school of freedom-loving publishers," Brown concluded, "has left a void in the American press not filled by their successors, who have their ears tuned to the cash register instead of to the voice of the people."

Whitney Warns Railroads Not To Anger Labor

CLEVELAND—A big anti-union advertising campaign by the railroads may "well provoke strife and perhaps work stoppages" if continued, Pres. A. F. Whitney of the Bro. of Railroad Trainmen (unaffiliated) warned here.

Whitney charged that the railroads were squandering "hundreds of thousands of dollars in dishonest newspaper ads to deceive and prejudice the public on demands of the unions for better working rules and conditions." The money being spent, he added, "is money which belongs to the shareholders and workers."

THE MARCH OF LABOR



Here's U. S. Inflation Story in Nutshell: 17.9% Hike in Cost of Living, 38% in Profit in a Year

A tabulation showing just what has happened to the U. S. cost of living in the year between June 15, 1946, and June 15, 1947, reveals a steadily expanding partnership between high costs and fat profits.

Here is the tabulation on living costs:

ITEM	June 15, '47	June 15, '46	% Increase
All Items	157.1	133.3	17.9
All Foods	190.5	145.6	30.8
Rent	109.2	108.5	.6
Fuel, electricity, ice	118.7	110.5	7.5
House Furnishings	182.6	156.1	17.0
Miscellaneous	139.1	127.9	8.8

While there has been an average of 17.9 per cent increase in the basic items of the cost of living between 1946 and 1947, the annual rate of industrial profit has gone up 38 per cent.

The following table on profits is based on figures of the Federal Reserve System for the first quarter of 1947 converted to an annual rate basis and the actual profit figures for 1946.

	1947 Rate (Millions)	1946 Profits (Millions)	% Increase '46 over '47
All Industries	\$5,500	\$2,536	38%
Iron and Steel	492	282	74%
Machinery	276	170	62%
Automobiles	396	131	202%
Non-ferrous Metals	180	141	28%
Other Durable Goods	204	146	40%
Food, Beverages	412	356	16%
Oil Prod.-Refining	356	288	23%
Industrial Chemicals	356	273	30%
Other Non-Durables	388	301	29%

IMPORTANT MESSAGE

TO ALL AFL UNIONS:

In connection with the present campaign by the Federation to raise money, through assessment, for the financing of the fight to reappropriate the state senate and to oppose the congressmen who voted for the Taft-Hartley law, the question has arisen as to whether or not it is a violation of this law to subscribe to this assessment.

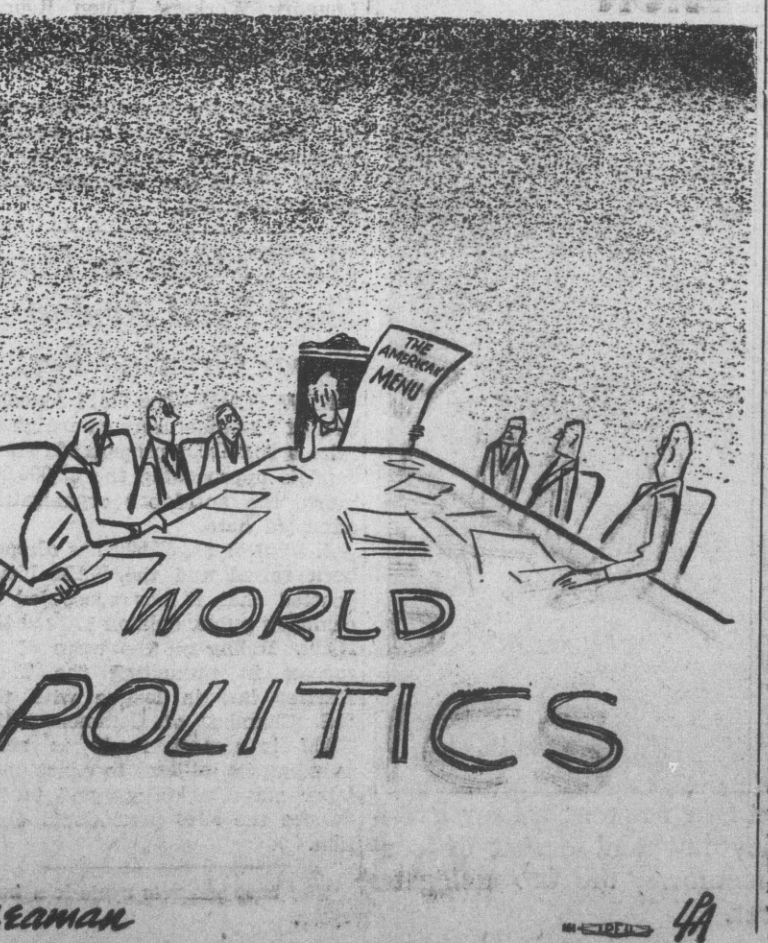
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Fraternalty yours,
C. J. HAGGERTY, Secretary,
Calif. State Federation of Labor.

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Big Employers Bewildered By Taft Act Trend

WASHINGTON—A survey of trade publications and recent speeches by industrial relations experts this week verified earlier predictions by labor lawyers that employers would come to regret their unreasoning support of the Taft-Hartley law.

Management representatives in many sections of the country have emphasized two of the many dilemmas in which an employer can find himself as the result of representation disputes alone. For example, if an employer has only one union in his plant and the union has failed to comply with the Taft-Hartley requirements of anti-Communist affidavits and financial reports he has no obligation to deal with that union. Even if he should wish an NLRB election to ascertain whether the union represents a majority of his employees, the non-complying union may not appear on any NLRB ballot.

INDEPENDENT ACTION
The employer may, if he wishes, take an independent vote among his employees but if he does not wish to bargain he runs the risk of a strike. Similarly in a dispute between two unions for representation the employer under the new law may petition for an NLRB election, but unless the unions have complied with the filing requirements they may not appear on the ballot. If one union, perhaps the smaller one, has complied, it will appear on the ballot with "no union" as the only other choice.

In this case, industrial relations men are pointing out as labor lawyers did three months ago, in certifying the smaller union which is not truly representative of the bulk of the employees, the company is facing a strike. "Even if no strike should occur," said one union attorney, "what sort of labor relations can the company expect if it's dealing with a minority of its employees, what kind of harmony, morale and teamwork can they look forward to?"

The New York Journal of Commerce, big business daily, was among the employer publications that admitted last week that management is baffled over the question of labor by-passing the NLRB.

UNITED NATIONS HAS 57 MEMBERS

FLUSHING MEADOWS, New York—The admission of two countries to the United Nations—one of them the newest in the world and the other one of the oldest—now brings the organization's total membership to 57.

The two new Member Nations, whose applications were approved here by the U.N. General Assembly, are Pakistan and Yemen. Pakistan, created a little more than a month ago from the predominantly Moslem provinces of British India, is the newest nation on the international scene. A country of 70,000,000 inhabitants, she applied for membership immediately after it was decided that the Dominion of India, the predominantly Hindu portion of the country, would hold the international rights that belong to the previous government.

Yemen, whose history goes back to the days of the Old Testament, is situated at the southern end of the Red Sea on an age-old commercial route. It is the most fertile part of the Arabian peninsula. Its ruler, the Zaidi Inam Yahya ben Muhammad ben Hamid ed Din, is a member of the thousand-year-old ruling family of Yemen. Some 5,000,000 people live in her 75,000 square miles.

Communists Said Causing a Crisis In Aussie Unions

LONDON—The Australian trade union movement is undergoing a political crisis as the result of Communist infiltration, British laborites returning from Sydney declared here.

Although a Communist was defeated for the presidency of the Australian Congress of Trade Unions at its convention held recently in Melbourne, the Communists retained control of key unions that are in a position to defy the government.

Communist domination is secure in the Waterside Workers, Miners' Federation, Engine Drivers & Firemen's Union, and the Seamen's Union. Communist leaders head both the Ironworkers and the Railway & Tramway Workers. In addition, Communist influence is powerful in the Amalgamated Engineering Union.

In 1941, after England had been at war for two years, the Congress of Trade Unions defeated by the tiny margin of two votes a resolution to have the war declared "imperialistic." At that time the Communist group controlled unions with a total membership of 400,000.

DISCUSSING PROBLEMS



President Lawrence P. Lindelof of Brotherhood of Painters, President Martin P. Durkin of United Association of Plumbers, and President John E. Rooney of the International Association of Plasterers & Cement Finishers take time out from convention business to discuss problems common to the building trades.

DENHAM DISPUTES WITH BOARD MAY BRING FIREWORKS

By JACK ABBOTT

There's an old saying about having someone else pull your chestnuts out of the fire. That's the situation at the NLRB today. After passage of the Taft-Hartley Act, the NLRB was enlarged by two board members making five in all, and a new general counsel was added.

Congress gave this general counsel the exclusive power to issue complaints and to apply for injunctions. The enlarged board was told to decide the cases. It is obvious that if the general counsel didn't issue the complaints there wouldn't be any cases for the board members to decide.

Shortly after the new act went into effect, the board members gave Gen. Counsel Robert N. Denham additional powers, described by Chairman Paul M. Herzog as including the right "to supervise the field staff, most of the legal staff, and to prosecute unfair labor practices without interference by the board. We delegated to him the additional duty of processing representation cases in the field as the board's agent, the power to select the personnel in our regional offices, and the responsibility of enforcing the board's decisions in the federal courts."

SAYS POWER LIMITED
Denham, however, in a speech to the American Bar Association, said his power was limited and "covers only one relatively small segment of the field of labor relations... the issuance of complaints and the prosecution of unfair labor practices... in fact it is little more than a police department."

DOESN'T LIKE ROLE
Why does Denham seem unwilling to accept all the responsibility which the board has so cheerfully given him? The answer is at least three of his fellow board members are smart manipulators. They know the Taft-Hartley Act is political dynamite. If Denham takes the power and makes mistakes, the board members can sit back and wait for better days, while Denham takes the rap. This is well-known Washington technique.

For example, Denham ruled that all officials of the AFL and CIO had to sign non-Communist affidavits before any affiliated unions could use the NLRB. This ruling created a furore. But after a conference with AFL Counsel Joseph A. Padway, the board members, using a legal technicality, have reversed Denham on representation cases. This ruling undoubtedly builds up the board members, while Denham says he will go along with the ruling.

Denham isn't happy about playing the cat's paw, and recently threatened the whole set-up with chaos if he is reversed by the board members. In the speech made to the bar group, Denham said:

"This division of function is a far from perfect arrangement so far as being foolproof is concerned. It can work successfully so long as the board and the general counsel mutually want it to work... there are spots where a protracted division of opinion between the board and the general counsel could lead to fantastic results. Particularly is this true in matters pertaining to the jurisdictional features of the law. The board, on appeals in representation cases, may find jurisdiction and entertain a petition. On the same facts the general counsel may refuse to issue a complaint for what he conceives to be lack of jurisdiction... It is an absurd situation, but it could happen in the present state of the law."

CAN BE STALEMATE
Actually Denham can do much to stalemate the functioning of the board machinery. This has already begun in the board's field division

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MINUTES

Bldg. Trades Council

Meeting called to order at 8:03 p.m., Oct. 2, 1947, by Chairman Ray Isakson. Roll call showed 20 delegates from nine local unions present. Minutes of previous meeting September 18, 1947 read and approved.

Credentials: Credentials for Bro. D. Z. O'Neill read and the delegate ordered seated.

COMMUNICATIONS

A Social Security labor bulletin read and filed. A letter from Building Trades Department with Taft-Hartley affidavit read and filed. Minutes of the Santa Clara County Building Trades Council noted and filed. Minutes of the Monterey Central Labor Council noted and filed. A letter from Carpenters District Council, Milwaukee, Wis., concerning Harnischfeger Corporation read and filed. Sept. 24 pile butts noted and filed. Two weekly newsletters noted. The California State Federation quarterly bulletin noted and Federation's "We Do Not Patronize" list read.

It was moved, seconded and carried Bro. Casati be appointed as trustee until an election can be held.

All bills were read and ordered paid.

Business Agent's Report: Bro. Rial gave a report on various jobs going at this time. Moved, seconded and carried we accept the business agent's report.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Carle Meyer appeared for the State Apprentice Board and asked that we try to influence the Apprentice Conference for the 11 western states to come to Monterey for the May, 1948 convention. Mr. Meyer gave a short talk on the apprentice training program in California. It was moved, seconded and carried a committee be appointed to work with Mr. Meyer if the convention comes to Monterey. A committee of Bro. French, Bro. Bolin and Bro. Dickerson was appointed.

Nominations for Trustees: Bro. Marcune and Bro. Casati was duly nominated to the Board of Trustees.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bros. Foster, Evans and Casati were appointed to act as a committee for revision of the rules and by-laws of the Monterey Building Trades Council.

GOOD AND WELFARE

It was moved, seconded and carried the trustees inspect and check the financial secretary's books concerning the \$10.00 per month owed by Local Union 690. Also trustees to meet with trustees of Local 690 concerning the shortage.

Report of Unions: Plumbers L.U. 62 regular meeting. All other locals, no meeting.

Financial secretary's report read and approved.

There being no further business to transact at this time the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m. Respectfully submitted,
—HARRY FOSTER,
Recording Secretary.

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Meetings will be held the second Thursday of the month at the Culinary and Bartenders Hall at 8 p.m.

REGISTER TO VOTE NOW!

Agreements have been exchanged between locals 296, 287 and our local Union. Transfers of jurisdiction are in progress. We ask all of members located in Watsonville to transfer into 287 located at 9 Lake Avenue.

VOTE IN '48!

Attention all members employed in the following canneries: Frank Raiters, Salinas; Hollister and Fairview Canneries, Hollister, and Watsonville Cannery at Watsonville, California. The cannery season will come to a close very soon; we ask that you notify our office at Main and John Sts., Salinas by telephone or postal card requesting an official withdrawal card in the event you are no longer employed under the jurisdiction of our Union.

In the event you care to continue your insurance, it is important that you come to the office of the Union and pay for the premium in advance on the basis of one dollar per month not to exceed six months' premiums; or send in your money order for the money with your dues book and a withdrawal card can be issued at the same time your payment of insurance is received.

We ask all of our members employed in Salinas where the work is seasonal to file for employment at your nearest employment agency. We ask that you file for Unemployment Insurance whether or not you are eligible; the law has been changed and the language is very ambiguous. Notwithstanding these changes your Union is making every attempt through its legislative committees in San Francisco and Oakland to bring about a change so that all seasonal workers who heretofore received Unemployment Insurance will be eligible.

Effective January 1, 1948 maximum weeks will be 26 and maximum weekly payments will be \$25.00.

REMEMBER TO VOTE IN '48!

RAPID HARVEST COMPANY
Attention shop men: Contracts are being prepared to cover changes in wages, hours and working conditions to be presented to the employer very soon.

Attention all drivers of trucks and hauling machinery between here and Southern California for Rapid Harvest Company: A contract for machinery hauling is now in full force and effect with the following wages and conditions: truck drivers shall receive a minimum of \$15.35 per hour or 5% per mile—whichever is greater.

For all continuous and consecutive mileage driven in excess of two hundred fifty (250) miles by one driver without an intervening rest period, there shall be a premium of three-fourth of a cent (¾c) per mile on the mileage rate of pay, such premium to apply to mileage in excess of 250 miles. Drivers shall be allowed four dollars fifty cents (\$4.50) per day subsistence while engaged in long line hauls.

Drivers shall be allowed subsistence payment of six dollars fifty cents (\$6.50) per day for Sundays and holidays away from his home terminal, the holidays observed are: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

All dead heading shall be paid at the hourly rate of pay of one dollar fifty-three and one-half cents (1.535) per hour.

REGISTER NOW!
This local will continue to issue monthly buttons and we ask that all members who can possibly do so to pay your dues at the union office. It is most important that this be done so that your Business Agent will be free to employ all of his time to taking care of grievances and organizing in connection with their job.

You will be rendering yourself a great service in assisting your local Union if this procedure is followed.

When unemployed please register for employment at your union office both in Salinas and Monterey because calls for jobs are continually coming into the office.

Important all members: Effective immediately office hours in Salinas will be 8 to 5 Monday through Friday and 8 to 1 on Saturdays.

Do your part and give generously to the Community Chest in your area.

REMEMBER TO REGISTER NOW—TO VOTE IN '48.

VETERAN NEWS

Veterans who fail to repay subsistence allowance overpayments

received while in education or training under the GI Bill and then later apply for unemployment or self-employment allowances will have the amounts they owe the Government deducted from the latter benefit checks, Veterans Administration said today.

Explaining that Federal statutes prohibit payment of Government funds to persons indebted to the United States, VA said instructions will be issued to state unemployment compensation agencies for the recovery of such overpayments from readjustment allowance claimants.

These agencies administer the program in their respective states and make the actual payments to unemployed and self-employed veterans, although VA foots the bill.

Recovery will be effected through a system of cross-checks with the VA regional offices and a central control in New York City. In such cases, any current or future readjustment allowances due the veteran will be withheld and offset against the overpayment of subsistence allowances.

World's Largest Airport

The two-hundred-million-dollar Idlewild airport now being constructed by New York City at Jamaica Bay will be the largest in the world.

The site of this air terminal was developed by utilizing sixty million cubic yards of sand fill dredged from Jamaica Bay to lift the area seven feet above mean high tide and to solidify approximately 4853 acres of meadow and marsh lands previously cleared of 1000-odd homes, cottages, fishing shacks, abandoned hotels and boat yards.

Work on the airport began in 1942 and stage construction calls for completion in the fall of 1950.

ing conditions similar to what is already in the area will be in full force. Check with your Union office in Salinas for further information.

Remember '48!

REGAS & SONS—SAN JUAN:

Attention all members at the Regas plant: It is very definite that this firm is stalling; strike sanction has been requested from our Joint Council in San Francisco, and in accordance with the action you took at the last meeting held at the Casa Maria in San Juan, your officers will present your case in San Francisco at its next regular meeting.

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Contract negotiations with this firm are about to begin. We ask all members of the Union to contact your Union office for further information.

Attention all members employed in the following canneries: Frank Raiter, Watsonville, Fairview and Hollister Canneries—The tomato season is about to close. If you care to maintain your insurance after the season is closed, kindly remit to our Salinas office \$1 per month up to six months for advance payment for your certificate which we carry with the West Coast Life Insurance Company. In any event, kindly request from your union by telephone or post card for a withdrawal card, or call in person at the office.

IMPORTANT

We ask all members that whenever possible to pay their dues at the office of the Union.

If in the Salinas area, come to the office at Main and John Street. If in Monterey, at 315 Alvarado Street, upstairs over the Culinary Hall. Office hours in Salinas, Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Monterey—Glen Wilkerson is at the office all day Monday and Saturday from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

In the event your business agent is unable to reach you or you are unable to come to the office in Salinas or Monterey, purchase a post office money order and mail with your dues book and you will receive your book properly stamped and receipted.

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LOCAL 483 REPORTS



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Best news of the week is that we stand a very good chance of keeping the Union Hall at 315 Alvarado Street. Negotiations are currently being carried on with the owner, Mrs. D. Cooper, and her attorney to grant the Bartenders and Culinary Union a new lease provided the necessary repairs and alterations are made to the satisfaction of the state fire marshal. We hope the entire situation will be clarified in the very near future so all our members will know for sure whether or not we have a meeting hall!

The International General President Hugo Ernst, General Secretary-Treasurer Ed S. Miller and our California organizer, C. T. McDonough were entertained on Friday evening, October 10, by the four locals of the Monterey Peninsula area, Local 345 of Watsonville, 467 and 545 of Salinas and, of course, Local 483 of Monterey. The dinner was most successful from all angles and the entire gathering was very well impressed with our international officers.

Our general president spoke at some length to the group and some of his remarks and observations are well worth passing on to the membership. President Ernst advised us that it is particularly important for all members of our various crafts to do our best to prove to the public that bartenders, waiters, waitresses and other workers of our crafts are primarily hard-working, law abiding citizens, and NOT hoodlums and bums, as a few rabble rousers would have us believe.

We workers pay many forms of taxes, provide jobs, and have many very important service responsibilities to our fellow workers and citizens. We are law abiding and, in fact, only through strict adherence to the laws governing our industries are we permitted to work and function. Brother Ernst pointed out that there are periodic attempts by minority groups to bring prohibition back to our country. Therefore, in order to protect the liquor serving phase of our industry, we must all work quietly, efficiently and effectively against any such propaganda.

Our brother president also stressed the obligation which all of us workers owe to our employers. It is most important, in his candid opinion, that all of us turn in a "fair day's work for a fair day's pay." We must, at all times, work to improve the reputation of our craftsmen and our union. And our future successes in contract negotiations will be directly governed by the impressions we make now upon our employers.

The "slogan of the bosses" which

Brother Ernst would most like to hear is "They have kept that promise." And if we will write our contracts fairly, insure that all of our members adhere to the contract provisions and turn in that fair day's work, the bosses can have no alternative but to adopt Brother Hugo's slogan. Let's all of us in this area do our best, individually and collectively, to make fair promises and keep them at all times.

There are pictures of the International Officers dinner now on display at the union office. The Monterey Local 483 was represented at the dinner by the following officers and members: Harvey Rose, president; George Rice, secretary; Pearl Robinson, recording secretary; Lucille McNally, vice president; Crystal Ross, inspector; Frank Christy, trustee; Pete Puhl, trustee, and Carl Puhl, Frank Phillips and Pete Falotico, members.

I am very sure that all the representatives of Local 483 will long remember their meeting with our international officers and look forward to a repeat performance which can be attended by a much greater number of our members.

Of great interest to our locals is the good news that the Hot Cargo bill has been found unconstitutional by the State Supreme Court by a vote of six to one. This means that our membership can now legally refuse to serve unfair products which a bar or restaurant may, knowingly or otherwise, ask us to serve. Previously, the law had provided that we had to serve the product, whether it was called "fair" or "unfair" and could not legally refuse to do so. This battle was won by our California State Federation of Labor after a long and expensive fight through the courts.

Now if we will just be 100 percent backers of our State Federation in the future, we may be able to prevent such anti-labor bills from even being made into law, and thus avoid these long and costly fights. The best ways we can show our backing, of course, are

Culinary Starts Sanitary Classes For All Workers

Classes in sanitation have been started in Watsonville and Santa Cruz for all food handlers of Culinary Alliance and Bartenders Union 345, reports Mildred Rowe, union secretary.

Classes are at 8 p.m. Tuesdays at Watsonville High School and 8 p.m. Thursdays at Santa Cruz High School.

Instructor is Mr. Morrison of the Santa Cruz County Health Department, sponsor of the courses.

The course deals with spread, cause and control of disease, sanitary methods of dishwashing, proper methods of handling food, and insect and rodent control.

At present the course is not compulsory but plans call for compulsory attendance later of all culinary workers and bartenders who handle food for service to the general public.

To vote for candidates who will support labor, and to get our \$2 per member contribution for the CSFL Political Action Fund into this office without delay, so the money can be transmitted to our state headquarters.

Our State Secretary, Neil Hagerty, is doing a wonderful job with his legislative committee in Sacramento, and is certainly deserving of our whole-hearted support, financial and otherwise.

Two "firsts" to report this week. Local 483, according to the September report recently submitted, now has the highest membership in its history, and September was the best month, financially, the local has ever had. These accomplishments were made possible, of course, only because enough of our members are active members and do get out and work for the local and its betterment. Thanks for the fine cooperation, brothers and sisters. Let's have lots more of the same and keep right on growing and prospering.

Juanita Daniels, for many months on our sick list, underwent a very serious operation at the Monterey Hospital on Friday, October 17. Her condition immediately following the operation was reported critical, and no further word had been received prior to mailing in this report. Juanita is convalescing at Room 208, but call before you attempt to visit her.

Don't forget to get behind the Bartenders and Culinary Workers annual benefit dance, scheduled for Monday, November 10, at El Dorado Room of Hotel San Carlos. The funds collected will establish our welfare fund, and brothers and sisters, we DO need a welfare fund for the benefit of our membership.

GEORGE L. RICE,
Secretary.

SALINAS LABOR COUNCIL COLUMN

The committee in charge of presenting the fight and wrestling shows last week are well satisfied with the results. The fights on October 16 were unusually well attended and a tidy sum was netted to go to make the Christmas party for youngsters in Salinas an even greater event.

The Christmas party will be on December 21 at the Salinas Armory.

We want to announce that a large Christmas tree, some 20 feet high, has been donated by the Placerville Lumber Co., by Mr. West, owner of the mill, through efforts of H. H. Williams, international representative for carpenters, who made necessary contacts.

Immediately following the Christmas party, the legislative committee of the Labor Council will conduct a vigorous campaign in line with the recent American Federation of Labor convention findings in San Francisco.

Meanwhile we ask all unions to have full delegations present at all meetings of the Central Labor Council each Friday evening, 8 p.m., at 117 Pajaro St., Salinas.

Cards to certify that the bearer is a registered voter are available at the offices of the Labor Council, Main and John Streets, Salinas. Any union official contacting this office (Telephone 7787) will be sent a supply of these cards for distribution to members who are registered voters.

Also the county clerk's office has a supply of these certificates of registration, and persons who register should request such a certificate.

In the year 1948 all union members will be asked to carry such an identification card, and all members of unions here will be required to be registered and eligible to vote.

President Carl Lara will represent the Central Labor Council at the November 8 meeting on legislative affairs, called for Fresno.

—P. A. ANDRADE, Secretary,
Central Labor Council.

SALINAS PAINTERS REPORT

The new agreement of Painters Union 1104 of Salinas with the association of employers went into effect on October 1, returning the work day back to seven hours and setting a wage scale of \$2 for journeymen painters. All classifications won increases.

Business Agent Carl Lara of Painters Union 1101 found time to travel to San Francisco one day last week to attend the AFL convention there and to pay final tribute to Judge Joseph Padway, AFL attorney who dropped dead at the convention.

Painting the new Lucky Store in Salinas is the firm of Allied Painters, from Oakland. Local men are being used on the job.

Business Agent Lara will attend the meeting of the California State Federation of Labor on legislative matters at Fresno on November 8. He is being sent here by the Central Labor Council, of which Lara is president.

ATTENTION, SIGN PAINTERS: Steps are still being taken to get sign painters from throughout the Monterey Bay area to bring their cards to Local 1104 of Salinas and register for formation of a new union to serve this area, or at least to handle all their business dealings through the Salinas union. As it is now, the sign painters are represented by a San Jose union which has no full-time officers in this area.

Senator Pepper Is Lauded as South's Leading Progressive

NEW ORLEANS—Sen. Claude Pepper (D., Fla.) is the only one of the 25 southern senators who voted right 100 per cent of the time on 18 important issues in the first session of the 80th Congress. Results of the poll conducted by the Southern Sociological Society were published in the September issue of the Southern Patriot. Issues covered include the Taft-Hartley law, tax reduction, seating of Sen. Theodore Bilbo, confirmation of David Lillenthal, portal pay, foreign relief and the polltax. "A majority of the southern senators, 14 out of 25," the Patriot said, "voted with Republican leader Taft 50 per cent or more of the time on the 18 roll calls."

CARPENTER ROUNDUP

New delegates have been named to attend the Monterey County Central Labor Union at Salinas, reports Business Agent George R. Harter of Carpenters Union 925 of Salinas. The delegates are Thomas Mill, Edward Sloan, Ivan Miller and Harter, who is former president of the council.

In a roundup of work in progress or contemplated in the Salinas area, Harter reported as follows:

There is a rumor circulating that Montgomery Ward has purchased the building on the northeast corner of Romie Lane and South Main St. and will erect a big store there. No confirmation has been received to this rumor. The property, however, is just across from the South Main Street business development.

There also is talk of a new housing project in the Salinas area, but nothing more definite than talk.

Two new motels, one on Highway 101 north and the other on Highway south of Salinas, are under construction by union building craftsmen.

Harold Geyer was low bidder at about \$332,000 for construction of the Salinas California newspaper plant and office building. Work on this project should start soon. Geyer is from Monterey.

Plans for a Woolworth 5 & 10 store in the new South Main development are being discussed. Details are not known.

Di Giorgio Produce Called "Hot Cargo" After Court Ruling

BAKERSFIELD, Calif.—Immediately after the State Supreme Court declared California's hot cargo law unconstitutional, the striking Nat'l Farm Labor Union (AFL) announced that produce of the Di Giorgio ranch will be considered hot cargo.

The 1500 employees of the huge fruit and vegetable ranch and winery struck October 1 when the employers refused to recognize the union as bargaining agent. In another action, the Mexican embassy in Washington informed the union that it had requested the Agriculture Department to withdraw its nationals working on the strike-bound ranch. The union charged earlier that the Mexicans were ordered by government officials to continue working on threat of deportation.

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